THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statistics regarding amount of money involved in cases are not maintained.

(c) Steps are taken as per law in each case.

(d) Doesn't arise in view of (b).

Shortage of All India Service Officers in Chhattisgarh

2484. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of All India Service Officers in Chhattisgarh State;

(b) whether Government are also aware that not even a single officer has been allotted to this State from several batches especially from 1975, 1976 and 1980 batches;

(c) if so, whether Government would adhere to cadre deputation as demanded by the State: and

(d) if not, the manner in which the shortfall is likely to be met by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Total Authorised Strength (TAS) of the Chhattisgarh cadre in each of the three All India Services (AIS) and the number of officers available is as below:

	TAS	In position
IAS	138	86
IPS	81	55
IFS	115	108

These figures include officers on Central Deputation, Training, Leave Reserve, etc The figures do not include officers from other cadres on deputation of Chhattisgarh. The apparent shortage is mainly on account

of the recent upward revision of the TAS. A similar situation prevails in some other States as well.

(b) The number of AIS officers of the 1975,1976 and 1980 batches is as below:

	1975	1976	1980
IAS	Nil	Nil	2
IPS	Nil	2	1
IFS	Nil	Nil	4

One IAS officer in the 1975 batch and one in the 1976 batch were originally allotted the Chhattisgarh cadre. They were subsequently transferred with the consent of the Government of Chhattisgarn.

(c) and (d) The Government would consider requests for inter-cadre deputation of AIS officers to the State of Chhattisgarh on merit as and when received based on instructions in force on the subject. In addition, in all services, direct recruit officers are allotted every year.

Weeding out corruption etc. from Government machinery

2485. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Government officials have been found guilty and crores of rupees have been unearthed by the CBI from their houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken for making Government's administrative machinery free from inefficiency, corruption and lethargy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The CBI conducted a special drive on 26.5.2004 to target identified officers of doubtful integrity and specified areas of corruption at 199 places all over the country. 39 cases were registered against 64 Government servants and 49 private persons/firms.